

REMARKS

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Final Office Action mailed November 3, 2006, which has been reviewed and carefully considered. Reconsideration and allowance of the present application in view of the remarks to follow are respectfully requested.

Applicants thank the Examiner for providing information about recommended section headings. However, Applicants respectfully decline to add the headings. Section headings are not statutorily required for filing a non-provisional patent application under 35 USC 111(a), but per 37 CFR 1.51(d) are only guidelines that are suggested for applicant's use. (See Miscellaneous Changes in Patent Practice, Response to comments 17 and 18 (Official Gazette, August 13, 1996) [Docket No: 950620162-6014-02] RIN 0651-AA75 ("Section 1.77 is permissive rather than mandatory. ... [T]he Office will not require any application to comply with the format set forth in 1.77").

In the Office Action, claims 1-5, 8-10 and 12-13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as allegedly anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,432,558 (Kim-1) in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,118,926 (Kim-2). It

is believed that the rejection should be under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) since more than one reference is used. Further, claim 6 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over Kim-1 in view of Kim-2 and U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2004/0175121 (Ellis). In addition, claims 7, 11 and 14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over Kim in view of Kim-2 and U.S. Patent No. 6,311,011 (Kuroda). It is respectfully submitted that claims 1-14 are patentable over Kim-1, Kim-2, Ellis and Kuroda for at least the following reasons.

Kim-1 is directed to a method for reserving a recording of a TV program by selecting a reservation key. The TV receives a video signal containing channel and time information and displays the information on the screen as discussed in Kim-1 on column 4, lines 41-45. A reservation of the recording is completed by pressing a reservation key on the remote control unit reserving the program as discussed in Kim-1 on column 4, lines 54-57. As correctly noted on page 4, second paragraph, Kim-1 does not teach or suggest proposing to the user an end time. Kim-2 is cited in an attempt to remedy this deficiency in Kim-1.

Kim-2 is also directed to a method for reserving a recording of a TV program by selecting a reservation key. As shown in FIG 5

box 511, a recording end time is derived "by adding T3 to recording start time." Further, as specifically recited throughout Kim-2, such as column 4, lines 16-17, and column 6, lines 1-2, the end time is derived by adding a predetermined duration to the start time.

In stark contrast, the present invention as recited in independent claim 1, and similarly recited in independent claims 8 and 12, amongst other patentable features, requires (illustrative emphasis provided):

recording control means which, when a user of the recording arrangement has defined the recording start time and the receiving channel for a recording, are adapted to propose to the user the recording end time determined by the detection means for the recording of the television program that can be received in the receiving channel.

Determining the recording end time by detection means is nowhere taught or suggested in Kim-1, Kim-2, and combination thereof. Rather, Kim-2 merely teaches to determine the end time by adding a constant or predetermined time to the start time. Ellis and Kuroda are cited for allegedly showing other features and do not remedy the deficiencies in Kim.

Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that independent claims 1, 8 and 12 be allowed. In addition, it is respectfully

submitted that claims 2-7, 9-11 and 13-14 should also be allowed based at least on their dependence from independent claims 1, 8 and 12.

Claims 3 and 10 also include patentable features, since:

recording control means that are adapted to propose to the user a further recording end time of a further television program which directly follows the television program received in the selected receiving channel at the recording start time if the recording start time and a program end time of the television program received at the recording start time do not yield at least a minimum recording length of the recording,

as recited in claim 3, and similarly recited in claim 10, are nowhere taught or suggested in Kim-1, Kim-2, Ellis, Kuroda, and combinations thereof.

It is respectfully submitted that the fact that Kim-2 teaches that a user can select or adjust the end time by manual intervention, such as pressing keys or button 66, 68 of the Kim-1 remote control unit 50 (shown in FIG 2), as recited on column 7, lines 9-10, does not teach or suggest proposing a further end time of the program that directly follows the current program if the already proposed recording start and end times do not yield at least a minimum recording length of the recording, as recited in claims 3 and 10.

In addition, Applicants deny any statement, position or averment of the Examiner that is not specifically addressed by the foregoing argument and response. Any rejections and/or points of argument not addressed would appear to be moot in view of the presented remarks. However, the Applicants reserve the right to submit further arguments in support of the above stated position, should that become necessary. No arguments are waived and none of the Examiner's statements are conceded.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

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